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Re: Skinner Landfill

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

I am writing in response to your letter of March 29, 1991, requesting information regarding hazardous substances generated by this company and disposed of at the Skinner Landfill. Please excuse the delay in responding to that letter. I have spent a considerable amount of time trying to find information responsive to the letter, including conducting interviews of former company employees and trying to unearth documents in a warehouse, and I have only now completed that process. Your patience in awaiting a response is greatly appreciated.

Your letter, on page 3, poses seven inquiries. I will respond to each in turn. Regarding No. 1, I have been unable, after an extensive search, to find any company documents regarding the disposal of substances at the Skinner Landfill, including copies of the correspondence with the county health department that you have supplied to us. My understanding from discussions with company retirees is that the Skinner Landfill was used as a disposal facility for a potassium permanganate cleaning agent only on a very few occasions in the mid-1960's.

Regarding inquiry No. 2, I have enclosed a material data safety sheet for a product named Turco 4338-C. That product has been used by our company as a cleaning agent in the cleaning line for metal products. I am not sure that the chemical composition of this product is the same as the potassium permanganate cleaning agent used in the 1960's; i.e., material used then may or may not have been this precise product. Again, we lack records to indicate precisely what potassium permanganate cleaning agent was used at that time.

Regarding inquiry No. 3, we have no information regarding the number of shipments to the landfill, or the quantity of materials shipped to the landfill. Other than that appearing in the correspondence that you provided to us. It is likely that the two shipments referred to in that correspondence were the only shipments sent to the landfill, although this cannot be definitively confirmed.

Regarding inquiry No. 4, we have been able to ascertain that transport of the waste was through a transportation company other than Aeronca or the operators of the Skinner Landfill. However, we lack documentation that identifies the transporter. My discussions with retirees indicate that the material was

placed in fifty-five gallon barrels for transport to the landfill.

Regarding inquiry No. 5, we have no records other than the material data safety sheet discussed in response to inquiry No. 2, that are responsive to this inquiry.

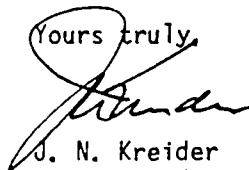
Regarding inquiry No. 6, we have no records indicating who our liability insurance carrier was in the mid-1960's. We have searched for records possessed by the company, and we have conferred with our insurance agent regarding this, and we have not had any success.

Regarding inquiry No. 7, as noted above, we are unable to identify the transporter of this material.

I regret that I have not been able to gather additional information responsive to your letter. I understand my obligation to provide to you additional information if it subsequently comes into the company's possession.

I hereby certify that the contents of this letter are true and authentic to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Yours truly,

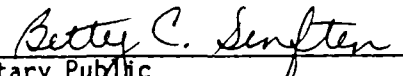


J. N. Kreider
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Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 10th day of October, 1991.



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